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Mr. Addison,

Thank you for your enquiry dated 12th August 2008 for information under the Freedom of Information (FoI) Act 2000.

You asked:

how much money is used for conservation each year (for the last 20 years) and who (names of organisations) that money is distributed to each year (for the last 5 years).

We interpret your request to mean how much public expenditure is incurred in this area. HM Treasury does not hold this information; of necessity our information is at a more strategic level. However, we have contacted Defra who confirm that they do hold relevant information. You can put a request to them via the Defra helpline at defra.helpline@xxxxx.xxx.xxx.xx You may wish to consider a more closely focussed request, as conservation is a broad term encompassing aspects of biodiversity, habitat protection and leisure amenity.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us at the email account given in the header to this letter, and it would help us, if you could remember to quote the IRU reference number (also in the header) in any future communications.

Paul Morran
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